

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Chen et al.**

Serial No.: **10/824,811**

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For: **System and Method for Searchable  
Instant Messaging Chat Repositories  
Using Topic and Identifier Metadata**

§ Group Art Unit: **2443**

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§ Examiner: **Belani, Kishin G.**

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

A fee of \$810.00 is believed to be necessary for the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457.

A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the one month extension fee of \$130.00 to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

In response to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently with this Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.